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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Status Report on the Purcell Panel

1. A meeting was held with Drs. Purcell, Land, McMillan and myself on 30 April to outline further plans for the Panel on Reconnaissance Activities. In view of the shortage of the time that the Panel will have to operate, it was agreed that for the present exercise attention would be limited to photographic aspects and SIGINT programs should not be considered. Furthermore, the major effort would be placed on photographic satellite programs although the aircraft and drone programs would be considered insofar as they might compete with, or affect, future satellite efforts. There was a preliminary discussion of the people who might be asked to serve on the Panel in addition to Dr. Purcell and Dr. Land, and Dr. Purcell indicated he would like to think about various individuals for a few days and discuss these during a later visit to Washington.

2. It was agreed to select the 4th and 5th of June as the days on which to hold the Panel meetings which would involve briefings and discussions. An additional meeting might be held the following week to prepare and complete a report of the Panel. Some additional follow-up actions might possibly be required at later times, but Dr. Purcell would then be on the West Coast.

3. On Thursday, 2 May, Dr. Purcell had discussions in Washington with Messrs. Kiefer [redacted] who have been designated as CIA Staff support for the Panel, and myself. At that time it was agreed to contact the following personnel:

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a) [redacted] He agreed to accept although it meant foregoing a trip to Europe with his family.

b) [redacted] Unable to participate during the time at which the Panel would hold meetings.

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- c) Dr. James Baker. Agreed to accept.
- d) Mr. Donald Ling. Accepted.
- e) Dr. Eugene Fubini. Accepted.
- f) Mr. Arthur Landahl. Accepted.

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This would seem to be a well-balanced, useful-sized group; therefore, probably no others will be asked to serve. However, some consideration is being given to including [redacted] of [redacted] In addition [redacted] may be asked to serve as a consultant in the film area.

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4. At the present time the staff people are working on plans for an agenda and briefings, in some cases in advance of the actual meetings for the benefit of certain members.

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